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W. Louis Sands

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Mercer 1971 BA, 1974 JD
Began Service: May 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Chief Legal Assistant to the District Attorney, Macon Judicial Circuit, State of Georgia (1974); Assistant District Attorney, Macon Judicial District, State of Georgia (1975-1978); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Georgia - Middle District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1978-1987)

Judicial: Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Macon Judicial Circuit (1991); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia (2001-2006)

Legal Practice: Partner, Mathis, Sands, Jordan & Adams (1987-1991)

Military Service: Captain United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1971-1980)

Current Memberships: Albany County Bar Association; American Judicature Society; State Bar of Georgia

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Clay D. Land
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1960
Education: Georgia 1982 BBA, 1985 JD
Began Service: December 28, 2001
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: State Senator, Georgia General Assembly (1995-2000)

Legal Practice: Associate, Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild, LLP (1985-1989); Partner, Hatcher, Stubbs, Land, Hollis & Rothschild, LLP (1989-1990); Partner, Buchanan & Land, LLP (1990-2001)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Columbus Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

Staff

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**Hugh Lawson**
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: Emory 1963 BA, 1964 LLB
Began Service: December 29, 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association

Staff

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Claude W. Hicks, Jr.
Chief Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Furman 1967 BA; Mercer 1970 JD
Began Service: 1986
Term Expires: 2010

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia (1983-1986)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1970-1986)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1967-1975)

Current Memberships: Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

Staff

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Richard L. Hodge
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Mercer 1977 JD
Began Service: August 26, 1993
Term Expires: August 25, 2009

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G. Mallon Faircloth
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Tennessee 1965 BS, 1968 JD
Began Service: July 1, 1999
Term Expires: June 30, 2015

Judicial: Judge, Superior Courts of Georgia, Cordele Judicial Circuit (1981-1999)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1968-1981)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

Staff

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John T. Laney III
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Mercer 1964 AB, 1966 JD
Began Service: October 1, 1986
Term Expires: October 1, 2014

Legal Practice: Associate, Swift, Pease, Davidson & Chapman (1970-1973); Member, Page, Scrantom, Harris & Chapman (1973-1986)

Military Service: United States Army (1964-1970)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Columbus Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Georgia

Staff

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Robert F. Hershner, Jr.
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1944
Education: Mercer 1966 AB, 1969 JD
Began Service: December 1, 1980
Term Expires: April 9, 2013

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Mercer University (1982-1984)

Judicial: Chief Bankruptcy Judge, Chambers of Chief Bankruptcy Judge Robert F. Hershner, Jr., United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Georgia

Legal Practice: Counsel, Georgia Legal Services Corporation; Associate, Adams, O'Neal, Hemingway & Kaplan (1972-1976); Partner, Kaplan & Hershner (1976-1980)

Military Service: United States Army (1970-1975)

Current Memberships: Macon Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Georgia

Staff

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James D. Walker, Jr.
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Augusta 1970 BA; South Carolina 1974 JD
Began Service: November 3, 1993
Term Expires: November 3, 2021

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